



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF CORRECTED PATENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 CFR 1.322(b) for issuance of a  
Corrected Patent for Patent Number 6,152,887.

**REMARKS**

1. This petition for issuance of a Corrected Patent involves an error on the part of the Patent Office. The patentee believes that the nature of the error is such that a certification of correction is inappropriate to correct the error. Preparation of a certificate of correction is unduly burdensome and inappropriate, given the nature of the error.

2. The error on the part of the Patent Office is that the printed Patent 6,152,887 does not contain the Substitute Specification submitted with the Amendment of November 4, 1999. The Substitute Specification, marked up copy and clean copy, was received in the Patent Office with the amendment, and the Notice of Allowability mailed April 10, 2000, followed this amendment. However, in error the printed patent contains the original specification and not the Substitute Specification, either as a whole or in any part.

3. The Substitute Specification contains several hundred word changes from the original specification, which would necessitate an extremely long and unwieldy certification of correction if this were prepared. Each change would have to be specified by line description in a certification of correction. It is therefore requested that a Corrected Patent be issued without charge to the patentee to correctly reflect the Substitute Specification, clean copy of the amendment of November 4, 1999.

4. The Corrected Patent should also include the Rule 312 Amendment of April 24, 2000, which corrected a typographical error on page 34 of the Substitute Specification clean copy. This amendment was entered by Office Action.

Very respectfully,



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